

Captain William G. Schubert Feted at USMMA

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Capt. William G. Schubert's last visit to the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy as Maritime Administrator was truly a night to remember.

On the evening of February 2, Captain Schubert, a 1974 Kings Point graduate, was honored at a Regimental Dinner at the Academy for his outstanding service as head of the Maritime Administration.

With Delano Hall, the Academy's main dining facility, filled to capacity with midshipmen, faculty, staff, and alumni, Captain Schubert received a prolonged standing ovation when he stepped up to the podium.

"Some 30 years ago, I was sitting right where you are sitting," he told the hundreds of midshipmen in the audience. "The thought that someday I would be standing in front of you, addressing the Regiment, was inconceivable to me three decades ago."

Captain Schubert said that he was proud to have worked hard to serve the nation's maritime interests in Washington, DC. The many issues that he handled as Maritime Administrator, he noted, such as urging LNG tanker operators to use U.S. registry and U.S. crews aboard their vessels, would benefit the nation's maritime industry and, by extension, the graduates of the USMMA.

At the close of his remarks, Captain Schubert received the Light of Leadership Award from the Academy's Regimental Commander, Midshipman Nicholas Hunter. This award is given by the Regiment to select individuals for their outstanding leadership and service to the nation.



Capt. William G. Schubert joins VADM Joseph D. Stewart, USMMA Superintendent, and Senior Midshipmen Patrick McCrory from Eagle River, Alaska, and Donna Schneider from Dallas, Texas, for an informal social gathering following the dinner in his honor.

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